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1. [REDACTED] that up to 14,000 metric tons of tungsten concentrates (65% WO₃) could be mined in China yearly, even without the aid of mechanical equipment, if tungsten prices were high, transport costs were low and there was a low price on rice. China's highest yearly production was about 13,000 tons of tungsten concentrates in 1918.
- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] with technical knowledge and mining and milling equipment, China could produce over 14,000 tons yearly, which could be increased to 18,000 tons or more.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] attempts by the National Resources Commission to mechanize a few mines before World War II did not prove very successful because of its complete lack of technical knowledge. So little development work has been done on the many hundreds of small tungsten mines that estimates of their reserves, which undoubtedly are substantial, cannot be made.

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